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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: AMBASSADOR'S TALK WITH CALLAGHAN

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1. I BEGAN THE DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT BY TELLING CALLAGHAN THAT IF THE TURKISH GOVERNMENT GETS ITS VOTE OF CONFIDENCE, HARTMAN WILL GO TO ANKARA SHORTLY THEREAFTER. CALLAGHAN COMMENTED THAT A TRIP BY HARTMAN COULD DO NOTHING BUT GOOD. HE FELT, HOWEVER, THAT THE SITUATION ON CYPRUS IS HARDENING. THE TURKS ARE DE FACTO IF NOT DE JURE ADMINISTRATORS IN THE NORTH. HE THOUGHT THE POSITION OF CLERIDES WILL BE INCREASINGLY DIFFICULT AND LESS STRONG. POSITION OF MAKARIOS ON THE OTHER HAND WILL GET STRONGER. IF, AS APPEARS TO BE THE CASE, CLERIDES IS TAXED BY THE MAKARIOS FACTION WITH TRYING TO MAKE A "SQUALID DEAL," MAKARIOS WILL APPEAR TO BE A HERO. CALLAGHAN THOUGHT IT IMPORTANT TO TRY TO RE-COVER THE SITUATION BUT HE THOUGHT IT LOOKED BAD. THE ARCHBISHOP WOULD IN HIS OPINION BE ON THE SCENE FOR A VERY LONG TIME.

2. CALLAGHAN THEN CALLED ATTENTION TO WHAT HE CONSIDERED A VERY SERIOUS SITUATION IN THE AEGEAN. HE THOUGHT

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THE SITUATION COULD BLOW UP ANY TIME, AND HOPED THAT

HARTMAN WOULD HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPLORE THIS
DIMENSION OF GREEK-TURKISH FRICTION. HE SAID HE WOULD BE
MOST INTERESTED TO HEAR HARTMAN'S APPRAISAL.

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